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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1525

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 11, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Apr 5, 2005

SUBJECT: POW/MIA Flag at State Capitol.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Alderman

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. M. Young

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Department of Administration to fly the POW/MIA flag at the State Capitol building at all times with the flags of the United States and Indiana for as long as the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs determines that there are residents of Indiana listed as missing in action from the Vietnam conflict.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *POW/MIA Flags:* This bill requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to fly the POW/MIA flag at the State Capitol building at all times with the flags of the United States and Indiana for as long as the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs determines that there are residents of Indiana listed as missing in action from the Vietnam conflict. This requirement is estimated to increase DOA expenditures by about \$75 each year.

The bill will impact approximately 3 flag displays at the State Capitol. The Department of Veterans' Affairs reports that a 3' X 5' POW/MIA flag costs about \$10. Due to wear and tear, flags that are flown year-round are replaced every four to six months. The cost of flying the POW/MIA flag year-round at the State Capitol's 3 displays is estimated to be about \$75 each year.

Background Information: The POW/MIA flag is currently flown at the Statehouse and the state's highway rest stops on Memorial Day and, beginning on the third Friday each September, for the number of days equal to the number of Indiana MIAs from the Vietnam War. In 2004, the flag was flown for 59 days.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Administration; Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Local Agencies Affected:

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